

Mr. Novtony, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 527. An act to amend the Helium Act to complete the privatization of the Federal helium reserve in a competitive market fashion that ensures stability in the helium markets while protecting the interests of American taxpayers, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 527. An act to amend the Helium Act to complete the privatization of the Federal helium reserve in a competitive market fashion that ensures stability in the helium markets while protecting the interests of American taxpayers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. MENENDEZ:

S. 856. A bill to foster stability in Syria, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. SANDERS, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. COONS, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. LAUTENBERG, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 857. A bill to amend the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 to permit leave to care for a same-sex spouse, domestic partner, parent-in-law, adult child, sibling, grandchild, or grandparent who has a serious health condition; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SANDERS (for himself and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 858. A bill to provide for an earlier start for State health care coverage innovation waivers under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BENNET:

S. 859. A bill to amend the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to provide for the conducts of activities to detect, and respond in a timely manner to, threats to animal health; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. FRANKEN (for himself, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. BROWN, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. COWAN, Ms. HIRONO, Ms. BALDWIN, and Mr. SCHATZ):

S. 860. A bill to amend the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to improve energy programs; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself and Mr. PAUL):

S. 861. A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to provide guidance and clarification regarding issuing new and renewal permits, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Ms. AYOTTE (for herself, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. BLUNT, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. KING, Mr. MORAN, and Mr. PAUL):

S. 862. A bill to amend section 5000A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an

additional religious exemption from the individual health coverage mandate; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself and Mr. BEGICH):

S. 863. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to repeal time limitations on the eligibility for use of educational assistance under All-Volunteer Force Educational Assistance Program, to improve veterans education outreach, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. WICKER (for himself, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. CRAPO, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. RISCH, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. MORAN, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. TESTER, Mr. INHOFE, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. BAUCUS, and Mr. VITTER):

S. 864. A bill to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to reauthorize technical assistance to small public water systems, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself, Mr. HELLER, Mr. WARNER, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. BROWN, Mr. REED, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. CASEY, and Mr. FRANKEN):

S. 865. A bill to provide for the establishment of a Commission to Accelerate the End of Breast Cancer; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 866. A bill to make improvements to the transitional program covered business method patents, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. PRYOR (for himself, Mr. MORAN, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. BOOZMAN):

S. 867. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for pharmacy benefits manager standards under the Medicare prescription drug program, to establish basic audit standards of pharmacies, to further transparency of payment methodology to pharmacies, and to provide for recoupment returns to Medicare; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. Res. 128. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that supporting seniors and individuals with disabilities is an important responsibility of the United States, and that a comprehensive approach to expanding and supporting a strong home care workforce and making long-term services and supports affordable and accessible in communities is necessary to uphold the right of seniors and individuals with disabilities in the United States to a dignified quality of life; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. HIRONO (for herself, Mr. HELLER, Mrs. BOXER, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. WARNER, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. BEGICH, and Mr. CARDIN):

S. Res. 129. A resolution recognizing the significance of May 2013 as Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month as an important time to celebrate the significant contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders to the history of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 85

At the request of Mr. COONS, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 85, a bill to provide incentives for States to invest in practices and technology that are designed to expedite voting at the polls and to simplify voter registration.

S. 138

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 138, a bill to prohibit discrimination against the unborn on the basis of sex or gender, and for other purposes.

S. 232

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the names of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. HELLER) and the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. PAUL) were added as cosponsors of S. 232, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise tax on medical devices.

S. 278

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 278, a bill to replace the Budget Control Act sequester for fiscal year 2013 by eliminating tax loopholes.

S. 345

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 345, a bill to reform the Federal sugar program, and for other purposes.

S. 375

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 375, a bill to require Senate candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form.

S. 381

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 381, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the World War II members of the "Doolittle Tokyo Raiders", for outstanding heroism, valor, skill, and service to the United States in conducting the bombings of Tokyo.

S. 423

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the names of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) and the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. FRANKEN) were added as cosponsors of S. 423, a bill to amend title V of the Social Security Act to extend funding for family-to-family health information centers to help families of children with disabilities or special health care needs make informed choices about health care for their children.

S. 460

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. BEGICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 460, a bill to provide for an increase in the Federal minimum wage.